May 2015



Potato Creek State Park

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May Nature Center Hours: Weekends: 9-5; Weekdays:	10-4
CLOSED: May 11-14	

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10:00 a.m. ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS - See some of the special features animals have that help them do their jobs. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

2:00 p.m. BIRD ID BASICS - Pick up a few tips on identifying the birds and then practice at the bird window. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the education animals being fed. 30 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. POTATO CREEK – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE –Join us for a presentation about what's going on behind the scenes at Potato Creek and plans for the future.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

10:00 a.m. BIRD BINGO – To celebrate International Migratory Bird Day, come play some Bird BINGO as you learn to identify some common birds that frequent our feeders. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. THE OSPREY WAY OF LIFE – We will investigate this special bird's life, its disappearance from Indiana, and its triumphant comeback. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

3:30 p.m. WINGED MIGRATION – Come relax in the auditorium and enjoy this movie that showcases migrating birds from all around the world. 90 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the education animals being fed. 30 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. <u>HOW'S THE FISHIN'?</u> – Come hear a brief history of Worster Lake and a little about the fish that inhabit it. We promise not to tell any big fish stories, but you can if you want! 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 Free Fishing Day Today

10:00 a.m. FISH PRINTS - Try your hand at the art of fish printing. Bring a washed T-shirt to decorate or use our paper. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

2:00 p.m. THE WILD SIDE – Come hear what we're doing to restore natural areas and manage the park to keep it healthy. 45 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015

10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the education animals being fed. 30 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. <u>IT'S TURTLE TIME!</u> – We have a lot of great turtle habitat here at Potato Creek that a lot of unique turtles chill in. Come hear about these turtles before making a turtle magnet for your fridge. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

10:00 a.m. START AN ADVENTURE JOURNAL! – Stop by the Nature Center to make your own adventure journal to record all of your explorations and adventures in. We will then take a short hike down the Nature Center Trail and make a journal entry. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

- **12:30 p.m. HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- **2:00 p.m.** CEMETERY TOUR Hear of the burial traditions and symbolism of a 19th century cemetery on this tour. 1 hour. MEET: PORTER REA CEMETERY LOT
- **8:30 p.m. BATS!!** Come on this short twilight walk to learn about and hopefully see a few bats. Flashlights helpful. 45 minutes. **MEET: WHISPERING WINDS P. LOT**

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

- **10:00 a.m.** FEEDING TIME Stop by the Nature Center to watch the education animals being fed. 30 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER
- **12:30 p.m. HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM** Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. <u>LET'S TALK ABOUT SNAKES</u> Admit it, snakes are awesome! Join a discussion on the snakes of Indiana, and then make a snake that will serve as a reminder that snakes are awesome. 45 minutes. <u>MEET:</u> NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

10:00 a.m. SPLISH, SPLASH, WHAT WAS THAT?! – We will compare and contrast the aquatic mammals you see *splishin'* and a *splashin'* here at the Potato Creek. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

- **12:30 p.m.** HOOSIER QUEST PROGRAM Come find out details on how you can earn incentives while visiting the Indiana State Parks. MEET: NATURE CENTER
- **2:00 p.m. PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT** Join us as we wrap up a fun filled holiday weekend with a photo scavenger hunt. Bring your camera phone, digital camera, other digital photo taking equipment, or your retro instant camera to participate. Prizes will be awarded.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015

10:00 a.m. DRAGONS OF THE AIR – Learn about these marvelous predators, the dragonflies. Then make one to take home. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

2:00 p.m. FROG FRENZY – A short hike to an old farm pond to search for frogs will conclude back at the Nature Center where we will make our own homemade frog calls. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

8:30 p.m. OWL PROWL – Join us on this short hike as we discuss the physical attributes of owls that make them proficient nocturnal hunters. We might even see an owl or two. 1 hour.

MEET: FAMILY CAMPGROUND GATE

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the education animals being fed. 30 minutes. MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. LEAF HUNT – Join us on a short hike to gather some leaves. Then use them to make your own leaf guide or leaf art. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**